

# PEACEMAKERS HARD AT IT

**Ambassadors From Argentina, Brazil and Chile Trying To Avert Further Bloodshed and Invasion. Wilson Insists Huerta Must Quit Politics and Leave Mexico.**

## WAR PLANS GO ON

**Navy and Army Hold Vera Cruz—Soldiers at Border Eager to Invade.**

## INJURY AND INSULT STILL

**Mexicans Riot, Destroy Property, Hold Refugee Americans Prisoners, Trample Stars and Stripes—In Many Places They Threaten to Kill.**

Washington, D. C.—There are two serious obstacles to peace between the United States and Mexico. One is the positive elimination of Huerta from Mexican politics, which President Wilson demands. The other is the continued heaping of insult and injury upon Americans marooned in the southern republic and the destruction of their property.

When the ambassadors to Washington from Brazil, Chile and Argentina approached President Wilson and Secretary Bryan with offers to mediate the troubles between this country and Mexico and bring peace without further loss of American life and invasion of Mexican territory, both feared such action would

at the northern border for the word to advance. Huerta won't promise to get out. Acts of violence against Americans and their property continue. It appears that peace is still out of the question.

### Social Leader to Red Cross.

Newport, R. I.—Leaders in society are greatly interested in the announcement that Mrs. James Brown of Denver, one of the popular women in Newport's fashionable circle, and a Titanic survivor, has volunteered her services as a nurse with the Red Cross organization in Washington. Besides volunteering her services, Mrs. Brown has also informed the Red Cross officials that she will buy all the medicines and medical supplies that may be required by her in the discharge of her duties as a nurse, should her services be accepted. She is not a novice in the sick ward, having had experience in nursing miners and children in the mining districts of her native state.

### Jack of All Trades.

New York.—he new superdreadnought Texas which with her sister ship the new New York and ten smaller war vessels from a special squadron, has a crew which not only can operate the biggest war ship in the world, but also is prepared to khaki didn't have time to do any posing, however, for they were rushed almost to death loading ammunition and arms.

## FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

### Webb City Wets to Ask Vote.

Webb City.—Petitions are being circulated here asking a local option election in June. Nearly 1,000 voters have signed the petitions.

### Accused as Slayer, Sues.

Springfield.—Alleging that his arrest and prosecution on a charge of being implicated in the murder of William Steele last May was unwarranted and with malicious intent, J. C. Young, a Christian county farmer, brought suit here for \$65,000 damages. The defendants are Homer and Villa Rose, John Steele and Edward Thompson, heirs of the slain man, and J. W. Ray, administrator of the estate. Young alleges the defendants employed special counsel to prosecute him.

### Fruit Grower Hurt.

Springfield.—S. E. Ware, prominent fruit grower of Cedar Gap, and president of the Seneca Fruit company there, was brought to Springfield to a hospital to receive treatment for injuries suffered when a box containing 100 dynamite caps exploded. He was fixing fuses to blast holes for setting out fruit trees. It is expected it will be necessary to amputate his right leg and arm. He was brought here on a special train.

### Fire Bugs Suspected.

Carthage.—Culminating in a series of fires at the Majestic hotel, the Cumberland telephone office, the Frisco depot and other points, suspicion has grown strong that a fire bug is at work. Alarms of fire have been daily occurrences for several weeks. A suspect has been locked up on a charge of setting fire to a dwelling. McElvain's livery stable and several small buildings adjacent were destroyed Wednesday, entailing a loss in excess of \$50,000. The entire equipment of the national guard, including 150 rifles and 2,400 rounds of ammunition, were burned.

### Six Cows Show Profit.

Mexico.—Mr. and Mrs. H. O. White, who live nine miles south of Mexico, sold \$486.95 worth of dairy products from six cows in the last twelve months, besides all the butter, cream and milk used by a family of seven persons during that time. Five calves that brought \$75 may be added to the total, making \$93.65 profit on each cow, or a total of \$561.90. Mr. White points out that a great deal of milk was fed to hogs and that many loads of fertilizer were added to build up the soil on the farm.

### Girl Clerks Illegal.

Ethel.—Three out of the five members of the board of trustees of this village refused to qualify after being elected, and following their refusal, another one also refused to qualify, so Mayor J. W. Parrott has issued a call for a special election Tuesday at which time an entire ticket will be elected.

It is alleged the last election was illegal because girls were used for clerks, instead of men, as men could not be obtained.

### Contraband Whisky Found.

Jefferson City.—A sprig of excelsior protruding from a barrel in a shipment of 11 barrels, marked "apples," aroused the suspicion of Frisco freight depot attaches in Springfield and they opened the barrel. They found it to contain a 10-gallon keg of whisky. Each of the other 10 barrels contained a similar size keg. The consignment originated at Springfield and was to be sent to Sapulpa, Ok. The matter has been reported to the office of the chief special agent of the Frisco and an investigation is being made under the direction of J. H. Smith, chief special agent. The attention of the federal officials will be called to the matter and arrests are expected.

### Abolishes Fee System.

Kirkville.—This town is now under the commission form of government. The new commission, as one of its first acts, abolished the fee system and placed all city officers on a salary.

The salary of the police judge was then fixed at \$480 a year, that of the city marshal at \$900 and city attorney, \$1,200. In all these offices the fees are to be collected as heretofore, but all of them are to be turned into the city treasury. The salary of the marshal was formerly \$50 a month besides his fees, that of the city attorney \$16.16 a month and fees, and the police judge \$100 a year besides his fees.

The old city council, as one of its last acts, fixed the mayor's salary at \$750 a year and that of each commissioner at \$600.

### I. O. O. F. to Meet May 12-21.

Carthage.—The executive committee of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Missouri and the State Rebekah Assembly announce that all arrangements had been made for the annual convention of the two lodges here, May 12-21.

## HUERTA WILLING TO DISCUSS PEACE

**Formally Accepts Latin-American Proposal for Mediation.**

## ARMY ACTIVITY CONTINUES

**Rushing Work of Loading Transports at Galveston—Artillery and Cavalry to Vera Cruz—Funston's Men Still on Transports.**

Washington, D. C.—Formal acceptance by the Huerta government of the offer of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Mexico was cabled to Spanish ambassador Riano here by Portillo y Rojas, foreign minister in the Huerta cabinet.

Senor Rojas' note was transmitted at once to the three South American diplomats, who began a conference which lasted far into the night discussing the next move in their peace plan.

Neither Ambassador Riano nor the peace envoys would make public the text of the Huerta acceptance. It was said, however, that Senor Rojas replied briefly, accepting the offer and thanking the South American plenipotentiaries and the Spanish ambassador for their good offices, with a reference to "the real spirit of solidarity between peoples of a same race."

No conditions are imposed in an offer of good offices, consequently the reply from the City of Mexico was not expected to deal with conditions. That stage will be reached when the peace-makers formulate their plans and make known how they propose to use the good offices which have been accepted.

It was suggested that they probably would ask the Washington and the City of Mexico governments for statements as to what each would demand in the event formal mediation were undertaken and that upon the nature of the responses to this request would depend the proposals next to be submitted.

### Makes No Peace Picture.

Galveston, Tex.—This note of peace sounded in the Mexican mediation negotiations brought no echo here where the task of transforming the freighter San Marcos into an army transport was rushed and the steamer loaded with supplies and made ready to sail early in the morning for Vera Cruz with a troop of the Sixth Cavalry and several batteries of the Tenth Field Artillery.

The army here is moving all its available field artillery into Vera Cruz to be prepared in event of a long campaign of fighting in the mountain passes to Mexico City should war be declared.

### Funston Men Haven't Landed.

Vera Cruz, Mex.—With all ceremony, the firing of a salute and a dress parade, the American flag was raised over the division headquarters of Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher. Over the customs house the flag has been flying since the landing of the American forces, but until now there had been no ceremony indicating the formal occupation of Vera Cruz.

Capt. Harry McL. P. Huse, Rear Admiral Fletcher's chief of staff, who gave the command to raise the flag, is the officer who raised the Stars and Stripes over Porto Rico.

### KANSAS REFUGEES ARE SAFE

**Several Have Arrived at Quarantine in Galveston—More Arrive at Vera Cruz.**

Galveston, Tex.—Among the American refugees who have arrived here by boat from Mexico and are being held in quarantine are the following, whose homes are in Missouri and Kansas: Bessie Lee and R. C. Lee of Kansas City, Mo.; Joe H. Pierce, St. Louis; J. E. Pierce, Medicine Lodge, Kas.; Ed F. Kline, Marion, Kas.; Owen C. Root, Parker, Kas.; John C. Bliss, Ferdinand, Ind.; Iola, Kas.

Washington.—The following Americans were reported safe at Vera Cruz in a dispatch received early today: James Monroe, H. W. Williams, G. F. VanMourick, George Oulp, Fabian Bell, F. W. Davis.

And He Was a Lawyer Himself. The autobiography of Thomas Jefferson contains the following: "I served with Gen. Washington in the legislature of Virginia before the Revolution," wrote Jefferson, "and during it, with Dr. Franklin in congress. I never heard either of them speak ten minutes at a time, nor to any but the main point which was to decide the question. They laid their shoulders to the great points knowing that the little ones would follow of themselves. If the present congress errs in too much talking, how can it be otherwise in a body to which the people send 150 lawyers, whose trade it is to question everything, yield nothing, talk by the hour?" That 150 lawyers should do business together ought not to be expected."

## ECZEMA ON BACK AND CHEST

Pierson, N. Dakota.—"The eczema started on my scalp. It finally went on to the back of my neck, then on to my back, arms and chest. It broke out in pimples first and then seemed to run together in some places, making a sore about the size of a dime. At times the itching and burning were so intense that it seemed unbearable. The more I scratched it the worse it became, and there would be a slight discharge from it, especially on my scalp, so as to make my hair matted and sticky close to the scalp. The hair was dry, lifeless and thin. My hair was falling so terribly that I had begun to despair of ever finding relief. My clothing irritated the eruption on my back. The affected parts were almost a solid scab."

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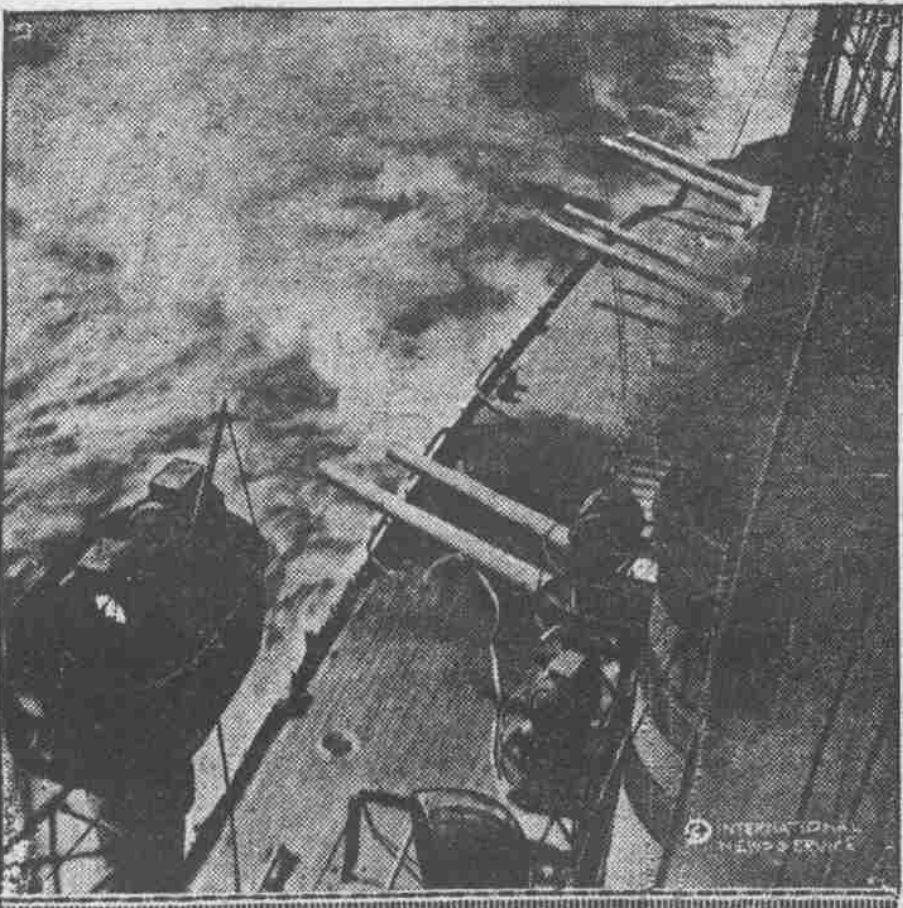
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Among the American battleships that took part in the capture of Vera Cruz was the Florida, some of whose powerful guns are here seen in action. Most of the Americans killed and wounded in the fighting were from the Florida.

be useless.

President Wilson considered the matter a long time. Finally he accepted the good offices of these South American representatives, not because he thought they could bring about peace between this country and Huerta, but because he believed we should strengthen Pan-American solidarity and trust by accepting the offer, and should take the opportunity to show the world that the United States was not making war simply for more territory.

So he told the ambassadors to go ahead. "I know of no peace plan that will be acceptable, however," he said, "which does not provide that Huerta shall give up Mexican politics and get out of the country." Then he showed the ambassadors that continued acts of violence by Mexicans against Americans who could not leave that country would call for action by American armed forces of the army and navy.

The ambassadors have gone ahead. They are handicapped in their efforts by the fact that none of the countries which they represent has formally recognized Huerta. They must conduct such negotiations as are conducted through the Spanish ambassador at Washington. He, in turn, deals with Huerta through the Spanish ambassador at Mexico City.

Meanwhile, United States forces hold Vera Cruz and its environs, and United States forces wait eagerly

### They're Veteran Soldiers.

Kansas City.—A half-breed Mexican and a Chinaman will help fight the Mexicans. William Robinson, the half-breed, and Loo Sing, the Chinaman, both members of Company K, Twenty-fifth Infantry, passed through here on their way to the Texas border from Columbus barracks. Both supported the Rough Riders who captured San Juan hill early in the Spanish-American war.

### Patriotism on Coast.

Vancouver, Wash.—A regiment of young men who have seen service either in Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines or China, has offered its services to Secretary of War Garrison. Department Commander A. W. Calder telegraphed the offer on behalf of the department of Washington and Alaska, Spanish-American war veterans.

Kansas City.—About twenty nurses of the city, eligible to join the Red Cross have enrolled at the local headquarters and will be ready on a day's notice to follow the armies of invasion. Preparations for the equipment of this branch of the service have been carried on for several days.

### Spain Friendly to Us.

Madrid, Spain.—The leading newspapers of Spain have adopted a well-balanced and even friendly attitude toward the United States in commenting on the Mexican situation.